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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Applicant: CANTERI, Carlo

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For: Method for increasing the bearing ...)

) MATCH & RETURN

) Group Art Unit: 3673

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Sir,

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A copy of the Hungarian Search Report is herewith provided which indicates the degree of relevancy found by the Hungarian Patent Office of each reference, so as to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3), according to the Commissioner's Comment 68, 1135 Off. gaz. Pat. Office 13,20 (Feb. 4, 1992), and as set forth in MPEP 609 part A(3).

A copy of the Annex to the Hungarian Search Report is also enclosed, which indicates the patent family members of the patent documents cited in the Search Report.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(c) and 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned herewith states that each item of information contained in the present IDS was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the present IDS.

Respectfully submitted,

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